

West Chambers County, Texas. After serving as the Executive Director of the Baytown-West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation for the last 36 years, Mike will be retiring this month.

For nearly four decades, Mike has been a driving force for regional economic growth. Without a doubt, his work has improved the quality of life for all living in the City of Baytown and the surrounding community.

Over the years, Mike played a major role in leading many significant developments and project expansions, including the establishment of a regional logistics hub, a distribution center for a multinational retail corporation, a multinational steel-making company, and the largest master-planned, rail-and-barge-served industrial park in the U.S. He was also instrumental in creating the Cedar Bayou Navigation District as well as the various improvement districts in Chambers County. These projects yielded numerous high-paying jobs for Baytown and generated a multitude of support from countless businesses in the Greater Houston area, including critical industries along the Houston Ship Channel.

During his tenure, Mike collaborated with key stakeholders, such as the City of Baytown, Chambers County, Harris County, the Port of Houston, the Greater Houston Partnership, the State of Texas, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and the Baytown Chamber of Commerce to diversify the economy and enhance growth and prosperity within the region. In addition, he actively contributed to the industrial development of the Greater Houston area through his memberships in the Texas Economic Development Council and the International Economic Development Council.

As if these significant accomplishments were not enough, Mike also served his nation honorably as an infantryman in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. During the war, his unit ran Reconnaissance-in-Force (RIF) missions to determine the location of enemy combatants for artillery strikes.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mike Shields for his momentous contributions to the economic development of the City of Baytown, West Chambers County, and the surrounding communities over the last 36 years. Our region has a flourishing economy, in large part to Mike's efforts, and I wish him and his family all the best in retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call No. 409; YEA on Roll Call No. 426; YEA on Roll Call No. 427; YEA on Roll Call No. 428; YEA on Roll Call No. 429; YEA on Roll Call No. 430; YEA on Roll Call No. 431; YEA on Roll Call No. 432; YEA on Roll Call No. 433; YEA on Roll Call No. 434; and YEA on Roll Call No. 435.

#### HONORING LINDA JACOBS

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Linda Jacobs upon her 20-year anniversary as Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL).

Over the past 20 years, Linda has directed CVNL through significant growth, encouraging nonprofit development and volunteerism by empowering local communities, bolstering leadership, and championing innovation throughout the Bay Area. With 26 years of Executive Director experience and over 40 years as a leader in the nonprofit space, Linda brings a unique depth of knowledge in nonprofit governance and board development that has propelled CVNL through multiple mergers.

Linda has served on numerous boards throughout her prolific career, including on Marin County's School to Career Partnership Board of Directors and nationally for the Points of Light Global Network Affiliate Assembly.

Linda is the powerhouse behind the scenes of CVNL, working tirelessly to develop effective and strong nonprofit leadership throughout the North Bay and extended region. Her work to elevate others and create monumental and positive impact through nonprofit leadership is renowned and appreciated by numerous colleagues, her staff, and the many nonprofits she serves.

Linda's commitment to the Bay Area community has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Linda for her enduring commitment to public service and extending heartfelt congratulations on her 20th anniversary with the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, and best wishes for years to come.

#### RESOLUTION HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. ON REACHING THE HISTORIC MILESTONE OF 114 YEARS OF SERVING COMMUNITIES

#### HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, along with my Congressional sorors, I rise to re-introduce this Resolution honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for her 114th anniversary. Throughout these 114 years, AKA sorors have carried out the mission of AKA with pride and strength. As my sorors near and far continue to carry out the meaningful mission of AKA, I extend my respect to all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been

present for roll call vote number 1, On the Call of the House, I would have voted "Present." Had I been present for roll call vote number 2, On Ordering the Previous Question, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1836) Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4673) Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act; and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 3, on Agreeing to the Resolution, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1836) Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4673) Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act; and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

#### IN RECOGNITION OF HOLLY JAREK

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Holly Jarek, a leader in the field of providing compassionate care to children and young adults who are severely developmentally delayed and with complex medical needs. Holly recently retired, and I would like to take a moment to highlight just a few of her accomplishments.

After graduating from Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts, Holly went on to attend Boston University's School of Nursing, where she received a B.S. and M.S. in Child Health Nursing. From there, she received her Doctorate from the University of Alabama in Health Services Administration. Her doctoral work explored the administrative challenges facing pediatric long-term care administrators.

Holly's experience includes a decade working with the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in a variety of leadership and educational roles. She was also a full-time faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Nursing School during this time, specializing in pediatrics and technology-based care. After leaving UMass Medical, she spent ten years in the private sector, where she established home care programs for medically fragile children throughout the United States and Canada in her capacity as a National Program Manager with Olsten Health Services. From there, she returned to the non-profit sector with the Franciscan Children's Hospital. She served as Vice President of Seven Hills Foundation and Administrator at Seven Hills Pediatric Centers in Groton and Hopedale, Massachusetts.

I had the pleasure of meeting Holly on several occasions in Washington during her time as Chair of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Committee of the American Health Care Association. She was a strong advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable in our society, and her leadership will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, in light of Holly's many accomplishments in her field, I would like to thank her for her steadfast service, and offer my personal best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

HONORING APACHE JUNCTION  
POLICE CHIEF THOMAS E. KELLY

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 13, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Apache Junction Police Chief Thomas E. Kelly who is set to retire this January after nearly 50 years of service in law enforcement. Chief Kelly has been a steadfast defender of our community.

In Apache Junction, Chief Kelly worked his way up through the department, serving first as captain of the criminal investigations division before serving as Deputy Chief and then Chief. This impressive period of service made Apache Junction safer under his watch, however we are only a portion of the country which has benefitted from his service.

Prior to his arrival in Apache Junction, Chief Kelly worked in the Chicago Police Department. From there he accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), working in various capacities in the U.S. and around the world. He finished his time with the DEA as Special Agent in Charge in the Chicago Field Division.

Chief Kelly is a model law enforcement officer, which is why he has also worked with the

Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, leadership of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, and trained law enforcement partners on a global scale.

Chief Kelly will be greatly missed. While we claim his service in Apache Junction, Chief Kelly's retirement marks the end of extended service to the entire country. His commitment to protecting his community and setting high standards for law enforcement excellence will be greatly missed. We wish Chief Kelly a great retirement and thank him for giving his life to the protection of our community.

HONORING SAJ'S CENTENNIAL

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 13, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one hundredth anniversary of SAJ: Judaism that Stands for All. Originally named the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, the synagogue's founding in 1922 was a historic moment in the growth of Judaism in America. One hundred years later it remains a cornerstone of Jewish life in New York City.

SAJ was founded by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, one of the most influential Jewish

thinkers of the 20th Century. Rabbi Kaplan developed an understanding of Judaism as an evolving civilization, later becoming known as Reconstructionist Judaism. For decades, SAJ served as Kaplan's experimentation field. There, American Jews could take pride in drawing from their Jewishness to support their Americanness, and their Americanness to support their Jewishness.

SAJ joined the rapidly growing synagogue community on New York's Upper West Side, a neighborhood rich with Jewish life.

SAJ has long stood for social justice, equality, and progress. It is a place where all are welcome, including LGBTQ+ and interfaith families. In 1922, it hosted the first bat mitzvah in the United States. Today, it is led by all-female clergy and staff. Rabbi Alan Miller, who served as rabbi of SAJ from 1961 to 1992, introduced to the sermon the idea of "the open microphone," where congregants can share their reactions as part of a dialogue. Originated at SAJ, the open microphone is now utilized by rabbis across Jewish denominations.

Today, we celebrate SAJ's commitment to advancing justice in the Upper West Side, in New York City, and in the world beyond. We celebrate its one hundred years of bold, intellectual curiosity and one hundred years of enriching Jewish life.